Ramoa.

[Refugio Mine, Northern Mexico.] Drunk and senseless in his place, Prone and sprawling on his face, More like brute than any man Alive or dead --By his great pump out of Lay the peon engineer, Waking only just to hear,

Overhead. Angry tones that called his name, Oaths and cries of bitter blame-Woke to hear this, and waking, turned and

"To the man who'll bring to me," Cried Intendant Harry Lee-Harry Lee, the English foreman of the mine-"Bring the sot alive or dead,

I will give to him," he said, "Fifteen hundred pesos down, Just to get the rascal's crown Underneath this heel of mine; Since but death Deserves the man whose deed Be it vice or want of heed,

Stops the pumps that give us breath, the Newfoundland. Stops the rumps that suck the death From the poisoned lower levels f the mine !" No one answered, for a cry

From the shaft rose up on bigh; And shuffling, scrambling from below Came the miners each, the bolder Mounting on the weaker's shoulder Grappling, clinging to the'r hold or Letting go. As the weaker gasped and fell

From the ladder to the well-To the poisoned pit of hell Down below ! "To the man who sets them free," Cried the foreman, Harry Lee-Marry Lee, the English foreman of the mine-

"Brings them ont and sets them free, I will give that man," said he, "Twice that sum, who with a rope, Face to face with death shall cope, Let him come who dares to hope!" "Hold your peace !" some one replied, Standing by the foreman's side; "There has one already gone, whoe'er he be

Then they held their breath with awe, Pulling on the rope, and saw Fainting figures reappear, On the black rope swinging clear, Fastened by some skillful hand from below;

Till a score the level gained And but one alone remained-He the hero and the last, He whose skillful hand made fast, The long line that brought them back to hope and cheer!

Haggard, gasping, down dropped he At the feet of Harry Lee-Harry Lee, the English foreman of the mine: "I have come," he gasped, "to claim Is Ramon!

I'm the drunken engineer-I'm the coward, Senor-" Here de fell over, by that sign

LIL'S FOLLY.

Pretty Lilian Lawney, exquisitely costumed, from the silken ostrich plume of her hat to the tip of her dainty boot, ran lightly down the high steps of her beautiful new home.

She had been married a month, and was very happy as the darling of an old man, who, while fortunate enough to surround her with luxury, was also more fortunate to possess the utter faith and love of his young wife. ajor Lawney had never regretted few years of tried fidelity and ex-

perience which made his breast a haven of rest and peace to this otherwise lonely girl. It was Lilian who grieved that her brief twenty summers might separate so far their now united lives. But this brilliant winter day possessed for her no introspection. only knew that her happy heart seemed to be reflected from the dazzling streets and bright blue sky. Her content seemed to make all the world content about her, until quickly turning the

corner of a square, she came suddenly upon a knot of boys, in the midst of which was a dog; a miserable, crouching creature, over whom her heart melted. She stopped. "What are you doing with that poor dog?" she asked, somewhat severely.

The boys had paused, at her sudden appearance upon the scene, with the air detected criminals. One, revealing that he had a heart in his breast, finally answered:

"Is this true?" demanded Lilian of one of the older boys. "He's my dog, and I've a right to do what I please with!" he returned, insolently; and he rose up from his crouch-

going to set it on fire!"

ing position and gave the poor dog a kick which actually caused Lilian a feeling of physical faintness. The other boys looked somewhat cowed at the indignant flash of her

beautiful eyes, but the bully stood sullen and defiant. "You don't want the dog, I under-

stand?" she said, at length, addressing "No; I am going to kill him!" he answered brutally.
"He said he'd sell him to me, and now

he won't," spoke up another of the boys.
"Will you sell him to me?" asked Lilian, quickly. "How much 'll you give?" demanded the young ruffian.

Lilian took out her little azure purse. with its gold rings, and turned the coin into her hand. Only a few pennies and a gold sovereign, which latter she had kept for a pocket-piece for some months. Her husband had dropped it into her purse one day, playfully proposing that she should make some wise investment of it. She turned the coin in her palm over regretfully. There was no help for

out the sovereign.

"I will give you this," she said, taking Transferring the coin to the boy's chase, patting him, and taking the string which was tied about his neck. The dog was only a puppy yet, appaquiet square to her own door. With a breath of relief she at length shut it and display the drenched hat; and then brother of the Aryan race we can not the full and hearty co-operation of every upon him. In the vestibule of the eleagain, for once, he might hie away to decide, yet the year 1900 will show us dairyman in endeavoring to get the best gant house the miserable dog looked more miserable than ever by contrast, more miserable than ever by contrast, torn from his neck and never found in boldly prefer the same claims to the least percentage of loss. Good the least percentage of loss. Good robin's powers are not to be despised to the least percentage of loss. Good robin's powers are not to be despised to the least percentage of loss. Good robin's powers are not to be despised to the least percentage of loss. Good robin's powers are not to be despised to the least percentage of loss. and Lilian looked at him thoughtfully, a faint smile of humor relieving her excitement and compassion. At that moment she heard her hus-

band's step in the drawing-room. "Major!" she called, gayly. "Darling!" was the response

"I have invested my sovereign. Come Major Lawney, with his handsome, manly face and curling gray hair, appeared in the hall.

With a dramatic air of mock triumph,

husband, in the low tone of utter sur-

"Found him with some boys who dreadful spot, Lil prayed. were going to torture him. I could not him, and I had only the sovereign to Folly had come ashore.

ily together. But Lil's Folly, fed and washed. Lil observed that he was growing; and Major Lawner surreptitiously fed him from his plate at dinner, and pronounced him a very good specimen of

"Not so bad an investment, Lil." he finally remarked, kindly, when in the time I called, he barked-until, dear spring Folly had reached a remarkable Lil laughed.

"Thank you! I can bear considerable of that sort of thing, Guy; I have been ashamed of him so long!"
Folly was invested with a handsome new collar, and in the summer went to the seashore with them. They took board at one of the hotels. Lil had never been in such a place before. The great, restless, level sea, the stretch of silent, shifting sky, the panorama of the gliding sails, were indescribably delightful to her. She was constantly out of doors, running along the shore and climbing the rocks like a child. She watched sunrises and sunsets. She subsequently overran the country of sat in the yellow sands watching the Aushoac and left marks of primitive she had ever dreamed.

were graver than hers, they were not ities arrival. Many of the wandering less pleasant; and that bonny, golden, tribes who had crossed the Rio Bravo does the guano water leave a sediment less pleasant; and that bonny, golden, glancing head was the light of his eyes. But one day he had letters to write wen Lil wanted to be out of

"Be as quick as you can, Guy, and I will run about by myself, with Folly, until you are ready, when we will go down to the shallows," she said, and was away, the great Newfoundland at

mastiff making war upon him; and to cape Horn. though Folly, "being in," bore himself The Mexica: undetachable a hold upon him.

down and patiently bided his time. But this morning he was free to follow his young mistress. He bounded at her side, his head erect, his great

tail moving like a banner, apparently as happy as she was. Lil took a new direction this mornreached far into the restless water. There she sat down to rest, but soon

tiful pink seashells. When an hour had passed in this way, she turned to retrace her steps, but paused in amazement. She was it was still advancing, and lessening the and seem not to suffer under the bur-

dog stood. After a moment she climbed upon the and surely surrounding the island. She had reason to believe that it would ing in front, the row will stop at once, soon be submerged. Folly, too, seemed and not begin its movement again be

uneasily sniffing the air. "Ned Rollins he's turned a whole submerge the rocks upon which she sat, Indian village several persons who have bottle of kerosene over him, and they're there was no prospect but that she

would be drowned. death-for she never knew herself.

her husband. able to trust to the water. The salt drops, already dripping from his shaggy coat, less, and she broke into a bitter cry.

Folly's neck. He looked into her face, whered and crouched at her feet. Was he troubled for her or himself? "Go home-home, sir!" she said.

-home!"

sprung into the water.

He swam away and left Lil alone.

time to tell the story. Already the world's respect as we demand for our- cows, well fed and well watered, will either. A German who has had great water was creeping around her feet- selves. already she sat on a level with the tossing waves. Ten minutes more, and—"Lil! Lil! Lil!

A call—her name!

A young man was ridiculing the water from stagnant pools—is the voice.—Century.

She sprung up—tore off her duster of story of David and Goliath, asserting cause of more taint in the milk in pale linen and waved it alott to guide that it was impossible for a small boy summer time than anything else. Salt, the coming boat. She could hear the to throw a stone with force enough to regularly given, adds to the quantity oars; and at last—she saw the little dory leaping the waves. There to a Quaker in confirmation of his possible, let the cows have access to nations—two Methodist, Episcopal, one carsman, and Folly stood in the stern.

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unfortunate creature?" demanded her | band's arms took her into the boat; and then, sobbing into calmness on his knees, as they rowed away from the

When he could talk and she could bis neck, and they were laughing heart- it was attached to his neck, and that it pigs. was the one you had worn away. The truth then rushed over me; but never brushed and treated kindly, began to was there a more miserable man, for I have a respectable appearance. His did not know which way to go. I shaggy coat became black and glossy. feared that you were drowned. I rushed

too, jumped in; and when we began to usually raises 600 bushels per acre. row he showed every sign of dissatis-faction until we turned the boat. Every child, we came in sight of you-and then I could hardly keep him in the boat—so anxious was he to reach you. But for his help, sweetheart, death would have separated us. No money shall ever buy Folly."

The Mexican Indian.

The Indian population of Mexico is composed of various elements. The American continent has had its migrations of nations as well as Asia and Europe. In the middle of the seventeenth century; the Tolkets were followed by all those valiant tribes, who they wandered. It is more than probward, entire families behind, and these present existence of so many different | please. tribes in the territory of the republic. Folly was sagacious, docile, and very However numerous these tribes, howobedient. Along the shore he was al- ever different their language, civiliza-

The Mexican Indian has a coppercolored skin that has frequently a these encounters, by reason of his dark-brown appearance. Smooth, black, shaggy coat which gave the mastiff so glossy hair, protuberant cheekbones, ndetachable a hold upon him.

Lil also had occasional errands to the nose, are his most marked traits. The village. If Folly followed unperceived beard is generally heavier with those and was sent back, he always obeyed, who inhabit the temperate zone than not only turning back at the command. | with those whose home is to be found in "Home, sir-home!" but returning to the hot zone, yet the beard is generally the piazza of the hotel, where he lay very thin, growing only above the lips and on the chin while the cheeks very seldem show any traces of hair. In Senora, for instance, a person who has anything of a prominent beard is certainly at least from fifty to sixty years of age. The Indian has a softness of skin in common with the negro. The ing, and, being out of sight of the frame of the body is large, stout, mushotel, ran out upon a promontory that cular, and in good proportions. Cripples are not to be found among the Indians of pure blood. Even those who busied herself picking up some beau- have led for centuries the lives of peaceful citizens possess great muscular strength.

The Indian is an excellent porter and walker with a heavy load on his back. upon a small island. The sea had ad- It is common to see men carry loads of vanced, crossed the neck at its lowest 300 pounds for six hours, resting perpoint, and cut her off from the main haps once or twice. Children of land. And, to her horror, she saw that twelve years of age carry 100 pounds, little island upon which she and the den. Women in general are not far behind the men. The way in which a company of Indians go to town is nighest rock and watched it. Yes, the curious. They move constantly in a tide was coming in rapidly, and swiftly long row, one behind the other. If you address a question to the person marchto scent danger He ran back and forth fore the conversation has ended. The Indian on an errand seldem walks, but Lil sank down on the rock and tried is constantly trotting, and in this way to think. She was about a mile from he makes long distances in a very short the hotel, and out of sight of it. Her time without showing the least sign of husband would apprehend no trouble, fatigue. The body of the Indian is less and, when he should have finished his liable to disease than that of the white letters, would take a cigarand await her | man. Rheumstism, colds and toothache return. No one was on the shore, and are things unknown to those of pure no boats in sight. If the water should blood. It is not very rare to find in an

passed their hundreth year. The Indian is frequently reproached I cannot tell you how long the poor for a lazy disposition and a dogged chargirl sat there watching the crawling acter. Both accusations seem to origiwater—trying to be brave—trying not nate in a very superficial observation; to think how happy she had been—how for the Indian furnishes the toiling her husband would be stricken by her hands in the republic. He tills the ground and raises cattle, works as a But she rose at last, making a despe- day laborer on farms, supplies the rate effort for life. She determined to markets of towns and cities with the send the dog ashore with a massage to produce of his fields. Most of the mining work is done by him, and he Tearing a blank page from a letter in follows the trades of mason, carpenter her pocket, she wrote a few urgent and shoemaker. He is the faithful serwords upon it with the little gold pencil vant of the house, and is the daring that hung from her watch guard, and | and hardy soldier of the Mexican army. then tried to fasten the note to Folly's In the school we find the Indian boy an collar; but the paper was too perish- intelligent and inquisitive creature, generally at the head of his class; and as the actual government is very liberal instantly soaked it and made it worth- in furnishing means for public instruction, the result will soon be known, The next instant she snatched the and the young Indian may presently rretty straw hat from her head and tied have reached the degree of civilization t securely by its cardinal ribbons to of his white fellow-citizen. With ragard to the alleged dogged character, it ought to be known that the Indian is rather shy with his white brother, but whenever decently and respectfully treated he is gentle and polite. Once For the first time Folly did not obey. having gained an Indian's confidence. He alternately crouched before her, and you may dispose of his fortune and his sprung upon her breast, wagging his life. There are Indian families that She caught hold of his collar and accummulated considerable wealth, but instead of investing the money obtained in industrial, commercial, or With a desperate howl the dog agricultural enterprise, they buried the gold. As peace, industry and secu-He swam away and left Lil alone. rity, begin to return, the Indian comes upper bud above ground. The depth forth with his hidden treasure, and we to which the roots are covered should hand, Lilian bent over her new pur- vards. She was certain now that it shall soon hear of his taking an active would rise about the rocks upon which part in the development of his native she sat. In spite of herself she was country. The imitative faculty is crying miserably—whispering her hus- scarcely more striking with the Chinese rently of a large breed of animal, was of good size, with a shaggy, rusty coat; but Lilian observed that his head, with not mine, be done." But it was hard, its drooping silky ears, was really pretty, while the cruel creving cold works. its drooping silky cars, was really pretty, while the cruel, craving, cold waves there are few sketches or pictures and intelligence shone in the appealing came up, up, up, and there was no which would not be ingeniously imitabrown eyes. Still, the forlorn, half- sound but their clashing voices. She ted by them. The beautiful wax figstarved creature was a ludicrous appen- was not ill, either. Her heart beat so ures representing the Indian, his home dage to the elegant young lady, and as wildly in her young breast! the red and daily life, elicit much admiration. she rose up to lead him away the boys blood burned so hot about her throb- Time will show that the Indian is not Kelbaum gives some very valuable void with the very breath and presence

Knew His Man. Lilian pointed to the dog.

She utterly lost control of herself "Why, Lilian, where did you get that then, and wept wildly, until her hus-

ARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD. not allow your men to beat them ner

Raw Potatoes.

Carrots increase the flow of milk and improve the appearance and quality of butter. Beets are preferable to carrots beets it not as good for butter. The that which has been skimmed.

Gaano Water for Fowls.

The Rural New Yorker says: Guano water is a first-rate manure for green- of the milk on rough roads. Always house and window plants. It is no patent nostrum; we know what it is, and that it is good. But in addition to and from the cold in winter.—American being a highly esteemed food for the Dairyman. roots of plants, as a wash for the leaves it is also excellent. Be your plant outside or in the house, no matter. You syringe them with clear guano water, snowy surf, and lived all the happiness | civilization in the parts through which | and you will soon observe an increased thrift and fatness of foliage and immu-Her husband leisurely accompanied able that the Tolkets met with nations nity from insects over those syringed her light footsteps. If his thoughts who had inhabited Mexico long before with clean water. Red spiders, thrips, left, while directing their course south- upon the foliage, as might be expected. Use it in this fashion: Into a bucketful families settled down in Mexico, mix- of soft water mix a teacupful of guano; ing with the Mexican tribes or leading stir well, and leave for a day or two to an independent existence without amal- settle; then pour off the water into gamating with the latter. Considering another vessel, taking care not to stir

N. Griffin, at the Elmira Farmers' is said that a good crop of clover—say such a crop as will yield two tons of cured hay from an acre--will leave an equal weight of rcots for the soil. That is like a coat of manure. I am sorry to hear that clover is falling into disrepute, for its renovating power is greater than that of any other plant. Lately clover does better than in a few years past, so I hope we shall soon have all the old neasure of success. Many years ago the farms in Dutchess county used to give large crops of timothy and they were taken away and sold. Those farms are now exhausted-ruined because the crops were taken off. But clover is never all taken off when the roots are left. Forty-five years ago a great deal of timothy was raised in Tompkins county and the land that produced it ran down under its production and the occupants had to turn their attention to clover. At first it was difficult to get it established, but little by little under its influence the lands grew better. Farmers had to ditch their lands as the first condition, then they used plaster, and at last got full crops of clover and better crops of grain, for their lands improved through clover. Hungarian grass has been tried, but, like timothy, when the crop is taken off nothing is oft and the soil becomes poor. The best crop is that which leaves most to tne soil, and that is what clover does. I hope it will not lose its place in our farming, for there is no other plant so

beneficial in its effect. The distance at which the vines may be planted varies with the different varieties, the character of the soil and the mode of training. Most varieties have a tendency to make more wood on light, sandy, gravelly or loamy soils than on clays. Slow-growing varieties, such as Delaware and Catawba, may be planted nearer together in the rows than strong sorts like the Concord and Herbemont. When the training is to be upon treldistance between the vines should be meshes ribbons of any color, greater than when the training is to be tem. Many growers lay out all the rows distance for cultivating and gives space shough for man, horse and plough or callivator. With the rows six feet apart

they plant all strong-growing varieties from eight to ten feet distant in the rows, while slow kinds are planted about six feet apart. A rule given by P. Barry is as follows: Set strong-growing sorts in loamy or rich soils, and to be trained for trellis, ten or twelve feet apart; on heavy clay soil reduce the distance in the rows two feet. Plant varieties like Catawba and Iona eight feet apart each way. Delaware and other short-jointed varieties plant at six feet in the rows, the rows eight feet. Select good strong one or two year old plants with plenty of strong, wellripened roots that are smooth and firm and have also well-ripened, short jointed wood. Having prepared the soil for the reception of the plants according to directions previously given, make an excavation for each one eight or ten inches deep in a slanting direction and wide enough to admit the spreading out of the roots. Raise a small mound of well-pulverized earth in the center and then lay in a plant previously pruned with its tops and roots shortened in, resting the lower end on the mound of earth; spread out the roots evenly to all sides and fill in with well-pulverized earth, leaving the never be less than four inches above the upper or crown line, and if the position is a southern one, and the soil naturally

Folly might go directly to the hotel of culture and civilization of his white lessness. He says manufacturers want produce good milk. Well watered skill in the musical education of birds means plenty of good, healthy water told me what I was surprised to hear, from a running stream or good well. It namely, that our robin surpasses the is a notorious fact that poor water-or European blackbird in capabilities of

The Can of Milk.

among the roots.

dogs to worry them. They will give

more and better milk for the kindness Pigs, says a writer, will not always bestowed upon them. When your men eat, and never can be fattened upon raw come to milk insist that they clean the save him any other way, so I bought listen, Major Lawney told her how potatoes, while, if they are boiled, next bag and teats with water, if they need Folly had come ashore.

to boiled peas, perhaps, will bring them it, and then dry them before milking, to the greatest weight they are capable and for Heaven's sake don't allow them him, and I had only the sovereign to pay for him with. He isn't very nice, but I pity him so!—and I may keep him, mayn't I. Guy?"

Major Lawney looked from the lovely face to the unlovely dog, and the next moment his own face broke slowly into a smile.

"He came bounding into the chamber with the hat in his mouth, evidently wanting to attract my attention to it. I was still busy writing, and half-absently ordered him out. He would not go—but sprung around me, whining—until, glancing at my watch, and seeing how glancing at my watch, and seeing how late it was with no sounds of your ar-"Yes, you may keep him, and he shal. late it was, with no sounds of your arbe called Lil's Folly," he said, rather rival, I looked at him more closely, and that one bushel of corn meal mixed pure air and a bright sun. Every distance from the cow stable, so that it may be free from the disagreeable odors Carrots as Food for Cattle.

In Europe the carrot is grown to a left all night in the cow stable. If you did not know which way to go. I great extent for feeding to cattle in the feared that you were drowned. I rushed down to the shore, called to our landlord's son, and pushed off the dory. I begged him to come with me; Folly, accustomed to feed carrots, of which he is drawn, carry it at once to the milk house, provide yourself with a good wind-mill pump. As soon as the milk house, and pushed off the dory. I lows raiser of Jersey cows says he is drawn, carry it at once to the milk house. Have the water about the cans changed several times, and the milk stirred to prevent gream rising until it is cooled to about sixty degrees for the night's milk, and sixty-five for the for increasing the flow of milk; the morning's. During all this time be I am perfectly familiar in the history milk, however, which is produced from sure and leave the can covers off, to of each case; and let me say those who allow the animal heat to escape. Do joined the church when children breeder mentioned above has found it difficult to raise his calves on clear milk, but place them in separate cans ful, and given the pastor and the even if you have only a can altogether. Carry to the factory as soon after milking as it is cooled to a proper temperature, using, if possible, a spring wagon, to prevent too great churning

> GROUND RICE CAKE.-Half a pound of ground rice, four eggs and enough loaf sugar to sweeten; beat the whole together for twenty minutes, bake in a GREEN CORN PUDDING .- Take twelve

ears of corn; split the rows in the center, then scrape the pulp out withthe knife; this will leave the hull on the cob; add four eggs, one pint milk, one spoonful butter, sweeten and flavor to taste; bake one-half hour. Toffee.-Put one pound of powdered these facts in the early history of Mexico, we may get a fair explanation of the clean water; then use as freely as you a brass pan. When the sugar is dis-

solved add a quarter of a pound of butter beaten to a cream; keep stirring the mixture over a fire until it sets, when a little is poured on to a buttered dish; his mail twice a week, he was found an embarrassment—a certain belligerent extends from St. Lawrence River down on land than any other forage plant. It Bolled Apples.—A correspondent

the dish. writes that about the nicest morsel to tickle the palate is a boiled apple-not boiled like a potato, nor steamed like a oudding, but as follows: Place a layer of fairskinned Baldwins (or any nice variety) in the stewpau, with about a quarter of an inch of water. Throw on about one half of sugar to six goodsized apples, and boil until the apples are thoroughly cocked, and the syrup nearly thick enough for jelly. After one trial no one would, for any consideration, have fairs inned apples peeled, The skin contains a large share of the pictous-jelly ma ing-substances, and imparts a Bayor apossible to obtain otherwise. He mossible to obtain otherwise the mossible to obtain otherwise that a wise housekeeper, instead of throwing away the skins and cores of sound apples would use them. for jelly, A tumbler ful of the richest sort can thus be obtained from a dozen of apples. Boil the skin a few minutes, and strain: Add a little sugar to the liquid, and boil until right to turn into the tumbler.

Enameled cloth makes a neat and useful covering for the wide lower shelf in the pantry where bread and cake are cut. It is useful also, and looks well on the kitchen table, and can be kept absolutely clean with little

trouble. A very agreeable dentifrice for good teeth is made from an ounce of myrrh in fine powder and a little powdered green sage, mixed with two spoonful of white honey. A druggist will make up the compound, and teeth should be washed with it every night and

norning. Pretty bands to be used in looping if it hovered about us, more or less deback lace curtains are made of the unbleached tissue of which macreme lace would be occasioned. But it is made is made; crochet in some loose and open-work pattern the width and wish, finish with a shell length you lises, in any of the several modes, the edge, and draw through the open the higher regions above the breathing

Oxalic acid will sometimes remove on makes in the terpentine or bow sys- stains from brass which nothing else and life. How rapidly it ascends is fully seems to effect. Great care must be exhibited on a frosty morning. six feet apart, as this is a convenient taken in not allowing it to remain on Apply it with a flannel cloth and then is, nature, wisely economical in all her polish with a chmois skin.

LENTIL Sour .- Mix a tablespoonful of lentil flour and a teaspoonful of corn organs of the voice, making of it the flour with a little milk till as thick as cream. Boil three-quarters of a pint of milk sweetened a little and flavored to taste; pour this slowly on the flour and stirring meanwhile. Boil altomilk, gether for ten minutes, still stirring, Add a whipped egg. This is a most nourishing albuminous food and a good

The Robin at His Best.

lover of the birds and a good ornithologist, was in the country, he got the impression that our song-birds were inferior to the British, and he refers to others of his countrymen as of like opinion. No wonder he thought our robin inferior in power to the missal thrush, in variety to the mavis, and in melody to the bladkbird. Robin did not and could not sing to his ears the song he sings to ours. Then it is very likely true that his Grace did not hear the robin in the most opportune moment and season. or when the contast of his song with the general silence and desolation of nature is the most striking and impressive. The nightingale needs to be heard at might, the lark at dawn, rising to meet the sun; and robin, if you would know the magic of his voice, should be heard in early spring, when, as the sun is setting, he carols steadily for ten or fifteen minutes, from the top of some tree. There is perhaps no ground is in good condition and dry other sound in nature; patches of snow linger here and there; the trees are naked and the earth is cold and dead, and this contented, hopeful, re-resuring, and withal musical strain, poured In discussing this question Mr. C. S. out so freely and deliberately, fills the set up a short of derision. Lilian's cheeks burned, but she continued to lead and coax the animal through the lead and coax t cheer and directness, with its slight plaintive tinge, like that of the sun gilding the tree-tops, go straight to the

> The colored people of Topeka, Kan., maintain fifteen distinct church organ

RELIGIOUS READING.

Conversions. It is startling fact, and one that can-not be too much emphasized, that the ten years of life between five and fifteen are the most important, being the formative period of character, on which depends the entire future. under twenty years of age. The recent 235 hopeful conversions, 138 were under twenty years of age, and only four had passed fifty. Another clergy-man testifies that out of 1,000 conversions only twelve were over fifty. And now comes the testimony of Rev. J. W. M. Williams, D. D., who closed a few days since his thirty-first year as pastor In all of them the "headings" have of the First Baptist Church, Baltimore. In the course of his anniversary sermon he said: "I find that out of 1,016 persons baptized by me in this city, 552 were between 9 and 20 years; 355 between 20 and 30; 99 between 30 and 40.8 between 40 and 50.9 between 30 and 40.8 between 40 and 50.0 between 30 and 50.8 between 40 and 50.8 between 30 and 40; 8 between 40 and 50; 2 between 50 and 60. I say between 9 and 20 because I have baptised several on their pro-fession of faith at nine years of age. I have gone over this list so often that tively few of them have been disciplined. -Christian at Work.

Religious News and Notes. Bishop Andrews is making early in January, an official visit to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico. By vote of the faculty of Chicago

Theological Seminary the Revised New Testament will hereafter be used in the religious exercises of that school. The receipts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, at the present date, are in advance of the receipts of last year more than \$18,000, but the chief increase is in

The Year Book of the Unitarian number of churches, 344, seven more driven through eight-inch iron pipes than for 1881. The whole number of laid over the ground and connecting ministers is 404. Of the list for 1881, fourteen died the past year. The names of the four women are among the ist of ministers.

The Domestic Mission of the Episcopal Church received last year from all sources more than \$220,000. There are thirteen missionary bishops in the field, receiving each \$3,000, and

What is Man?

While the gastric juice has a mild, bland, sweetish taste, it possesses the power of dissolving the hardest food that can be swallowed. It has no influence whatever on the soit and delicate fibers of the living stomach, nor upon the living hand, but at the moment of death it begins to eat away with the power of the s rongest acids.

There is dust on the sea, on land, in the valley and on the mountain; there is dust always and everywhere; the atmosphere is full of it; it penetrates the noisome dungeon, and visits the deepest, darkest caves of the earth; no palace door can shut it out, no drawer so secret as to escape its presence; every breath of wind dashes it upon the open eye, yet that eye is not linded, because under the evelid there s incessantly emptying itself a fountain of the blandest fluid in nature, which spreads itself over the eye at every winking, and washes every atom of dust away. But this liquid, so mild and so well adapted to the eye, itself has some acridity, which, under certain circumstances, becomes so decided as to be scalding to the skin, and would rot away the eyelids, were it not that along the edges of them are little oil manufactories, which spread over their

surface a coating as impervious to the

liquid necessary for keeping the eyelids washed clean as the best varnish is impervious to water. The breath which leaves the lung has been so perfectly divested of its lifegiving properties, that to rebreathe it numixed with other air, the moment it escapes from the mouth, would cause immediate death from suffocation; while structive influence over health and life of a nature so much lighter than the common air, that the instant that it escapes the lips and nostrils it ascends to point, there to be rectified, renovated

and sent back again, replete with purity But, foul and deadly as the expired air works and ways, turns it to good account in its onward passage through the whispers of love, the soft words of affection, the tender tones of human sympathy, the sweetest strains of ravishing music, and the persuasive eloquence of

the finished orator. If a well-made man be extended on ground, his arm at right angles with the body, a circle making the navel its center will just take in the head, the finger-ends and the feet. The distance from top to toe is precisely the same as that between the tips of the fingers when the arms are extended. The length of the body is just six times that of the foot, while the distance from edge of the hair on the forehead to the edge of the chin is one-tenth of the length of the whole stature.

Of the sixty-two primary elements known in nature, only eighteen are known to the human body, and of these seven are metallic. Iron is found in the blood, phosphorus in the brain, limestone in the bile, lime in the bones and dust and ashes in all. Not only these eighteen human elements, but the whole sixty-two of which the universe is made, have their essential basis in the four substances of oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen and carbon, representing the more familiar names of fire, water, salt, peter and charcoal. And such is man the lord of earth!-a spark of fire, a drop of water, a grain of power, an atom of charcoal.

lack of wife and family tends to make a and one could be simply one. man more reckless of his life—therefore a good soldier. Others say that the the recent Tunisian campaign a colonel Dora Threekeld. At the hour appointed four pills and my companion smoked wrung the gentleman's hand in a conwas questioned upon this point.

fight they are terrors." "What is the name of the battalion?"

gravely, "the 'Children of Despair."

eggs as carefully as do birds. The eggs, about twenty in number, are completely covered by her coils.

UNDER THE PALISADES.

Boring Under the Rocky Embankment on The work of constructing the New York, Ontario and Western railroad tunnel through the Palisades, from Weehawken to Durham, is being vigorously pushed forward. There are The great majority of conversions are now employed in all its branches nearly 900 men, and another month will testimony of a clergyman is that out of see the number increased to at least 1,500. This force is divided into two gangs, one for the day and the other for the night, and the work of mining away the hard trap rock is continually carried on by the light of electric lamps. There are five shafts, and all been turned. Shaft No. 1 is 150 feet twenty-seven feet, and it is being made wide enough to permit the laying of two tracks. Forty miners are employed at each shaft, and these are divided into two gangs of twenty each. The cage that lowers the miners to their work and hoists them out again runs as easily and noiselessly as any elevator in this city. The drills are worked by means of compressed air. Over the surface of the Palisades an elevated railroad has been constructed. Three locomotives are used in drawing the trains of stone cars. These cars are small and are lowered down into the tunnel, where they are loaded. When loaded an electric bell notifies the engineer above, and he proceeds to hoist the car to the surface. When a train of ten or a dozen cars has been made up the locomotive draws them to the edge of the Palisades, where they are dumped and their contents go thundering down the steep precipice to the meadows below, a distance of 200 and odd feet.

Below the hill, on the Hudson river side, is located the massive steam machinery for forcing the compressed air with which the drills are worked to the hill top above. There are four churches for 1882 gives, as the whole double air compressors, and the air is laid over the ground and connecting with each shaft. In blasting the rock a dozen or more two and a half inch holes are drilled four or five feet in depth, and into each is placed a cartridge of dynamite and giant powder. The holes are then tamped and the ends of the cartridges connected by wire with each other. A wire connecting with an electric battery located on having under them nearly 400 mission- the surface of the hill is then hooked operator touches a brass button, and in other. Our heads were supported on apples should be as constant a dish report, and thousands of tons of rock carpeting. When we had disposed our nates the deep cavern below is generat. once recorded: has been but one fatal accident since the work began last spring, and that was the result of the man's own care-

lessness. der Hamilton and Aaron Burr was fought in 1804. On the same spot were Perry and Captain Heath; between George J. Eacker and Philip Hamilton; between Benjamin Price and Major Green; between William L. Graham, an wind to make a football of, and assumed editor of the Courier and Enquirer of a violet hue. The workman kept it this city, and a Mr. Barton, of thiladel-turning, kneading it at short intervals phis, and others of lesser note. The which he will present to the New Jersey legislature asking for an appropriation for the erection of a monument to for smoking. mark this historic spot.-New York Commercial.

The Two-Headed Girl's Hotel Bill. A recent issue of the Philadelphia Record says: Millie Christine, the two needle, and that leads down through headed girl, who some years ago attracted considerable attention from Dr. opium pill, when it is cooked, is set Pancoast and other prominent members upon the bowl like a small washer, the of the medical fraternity, is at present opening left in by the steel needle a guest of the Great Wesiern hotel, on Market street above Thirteenth. On itself. All being ready, the smoker Saturday, when her agent presented places his lips to the ivory mouthpiece Market street, above Thirteenth. On himself at the cashier's desk to settle the week's account, he was surprised to find that the bill read: Misses Christine," and that board was into his lungs. It takes about twenty seconds to consume a pill, and a smoker

charged for two persons. "How do you make this out?" asked can finish his pipe with a single inhalathe agent, as he looked at the bill and tion. From twelve to fitteen pills can then at the cashier. "The lady has two heads, has she not?" said the cashier.

"And she has two mouths?" con- uncomfortable. My companion worked tinued the hotel man. Again another affirmative mood.

"And she eats with both of them?" persisted Mr. Cashier. "Yes," broke in the agent, "but she lamplight, the rest of his person mergcashier, "but you can't come that rack- the pipe was ready he swung the mouthin her room. Now if that doesn't con- my doubts about drawing a quantity of go out of the business."

A Missing Bridegroom.

the bridegroom was missing. Search fifty cents' worth. I do not know that vulsion of respectful admiration, for Both are right," said he. "Look was made high and low. The guest the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in me any other left that the explanation did equal to the opium produced in the yonder—do you see that battalion of who seemed to enjoy the trouble was effectthan a somewhat surprising, but honor to his head and heart. happy, devil-may-care fellows? They Charles E. Smiley, who thoroughly certainly very willing, acquiescence in are all single men, and they would take earned his beaming name upon that oc- my surroundings. I felt well pleased their lives in their hands, But look casion. It furthermore appears that again—do you see those tacitum, som- the bride was not at all fretted by until nearly everybody was smoking. ber, gloomy-looking men there? They bedsker's absence, for the reason that are all married, and in a hand-to-hand the match was of her mother's making odor, though heavy, was sweet and couches, the largest of sponging-baths; and against her own desire. In the interval between the departure and relight, objects seemed shorn of their unof table-cloths; make his tea with the turn of those who had gone to find the gainly features, and appeared soft and hottest of boiling water; envelop his asked the inquirer.

"They are called," said the colonel groom Smiley got in his argument and his work. The drawback was the license, his blanket, was touched with magic, his blanket, was touched with magic, his blanket, was touched with magic, his planket, was touched with magic and his plan The Indian pythoness sits upon her eggs as carefully as do birds. The eggs, about twenty in number, are completely covered by her coils.

his work. The drawback was the license, but that difficulty was surmounted by the legal blotting out of Medsker's and the luxuries and asserted himself as a thing of art. I liked the company. They were intelligent and animated, and their conversation was much more interesting than that of persons whom one is accustomed to meet casually. At one time they about love and marriage.

AMONG THE OPIUM DENS.

Where Opium Smoking is Indulged In. A New York reporter describes a narrate instances of personal prowess, visit which he paid, accompanied by a in which they themselves figured as guide, in search of the resorts frequented by opium smokers. He says: Our second visit was to an opium contact. My companion pointed out cellar, or "joint," in Mott street. It one of them to me as a thief, another as is one of the few which are favored by a bunco steerer, another as a dealer in American smokers, and they frequent a faro bank, and another as a telegraph it for the reason that its tidiness is operator. One man who came in while measurable, that its pipes are good, and | we were there and stayed for an hour, that the opium supplied is li yun, or of smoking constantly and saying noththe No. 1 grade. The cellarway lead- ing, was an actor in one of the leading Mott street. A citize who did not that opium smoking immediately stuing to it is like most of the others in know what was on the other side of the pefies those who practice it and unfits door would hesitate about descending them for action; on the contrary, it exinto it. It was about 3 o'clock in the hilarates them, as would the moderate afternoon when we went in. As the use of liquor. When we arose to go door closed behind us all the dismal out my companion assured me that he suggestion of the fog and the rain was would find great pleasure in taking a shut out. I had a half sense that I had brisk walk as far as Central park, and got into some small heathen temple by that, although he had not slept for two mistake. It was warm and dingy, and nights, he could remain awake all that a peculiar aromatic fragrance filled night without experiencing any great the air. A Chinaman with round silver spectacles fairly glowed in an illuminated cubby-hole. He was busily en-From the earliest ages apples have been in use for the table as a dessert. gaged in the manipulation of soem mystic trinkets. A husky voice from somewhere called, "Wing, gimme a The historian Pliny tells us that the quarter's worth," when he instantly Romans cultivated twenty-two varieties bobbed out of sight. Through another of the apple. In these latter days we

against what I suspect was either a pies, cakes, candies and preserved shrine or a Chinese toilet table. It was fruits, there would be much less sickladen with pots and brushes and sau- ness among the children, and the saving cers, and lots of other matters with un- in this one item alone would purchase known outlines and inconceivable uses. many barrels of apples. They have an A bunch of punk-colored joss sticks on excellent effect upon the whole physical pink standards smoldered upon it system, feeding the brain, as well as somewhere, and off to one side, flank- adding to the flesh, and keeping the ing it like a bastion, towered a gray blood pure; also preventing constipaand massive jar of tea. upon the smokers. There were eight, and neuralgia. They will cool off the

he was tightly rolled up in a horse-blanket and fast asleep. Two only were smoking opium. The others were are so highly praised in the advertisesmoking tobacco and conversing. At the suggestion of my companion, I removed both my coats and my hat, which I hung up on a peg, and also divested myself of my boots and my shirt collar. When I had done this I such cheap rates, every family should center. My companion did the same. rarely receive any injury from them, if We lay upon our sides, facing each they are thoroughly masticated. Baked

are loosened. The electric fluid that selves my companion uttered that have a plate of them. Baked sweet apdischarges the blast, and which illuminates the deep cavern below is generated in a little wooden shanty down by the river's edge. The entire length of the tunnel is through solid rock. There before us. He bore in his hands a supply as much muscular and nervous rectangular metallic tray of moderate dimensions, which he deftly shoved bles. Thousands of bushels of sour in between my companion and me. ap:les are used for pies and paddings A year's time will yet be required to The tray contained five objects—a in hundreds of families, where wellcomplete the work. When it is com- pipe, a lamp, a slender steel implecomplete the work. When it is completed five ferries will run from it to as many points in this city. An im- at one end and tapering to a point nomical. They are also good food for mense grain elevator, the largest in the world, it is said, will be erected near sponge and a diminutive saucer, conthe eastern terminus. Exactly over its eastern approach is the historic spot looked precisely like melted tar) as of the meals of the day and are as comwhere the famous duel between Alexan- could be accommodated perhaps upon monly used as a slice of bread.—Co the surface of a nickel five-cent piece. try Gentleman. Upon the point of the slender steel my also about the same time fought duels companion gathered up a small "pill" between Aaron Burr and John B. of the opium, which he held just above Church; between DeWitt Clinton and the flame of the lamp. It is a hot John Swartwout; between Commodore flame, almost like that of alcohol, and is supplied by peanut oil. Under its effect the opium pill puffed up like the bladder that the small boy invests with

upon his thumb nail or the bowl of the Hon. James J. Casey has drafted a bill pipe until it was properly done, when he manipulated it into the suitable shape and established it upon the bowl This bowl of the opium pipe is called so only by courtesy. It is the size and nearly the shape of a door knob, made of metal or clay, and solid save for a hole that would be filled by a knitting at the end of the stem, turns the opium pill to the flame, and, as it burns with "The a bubbling sound, draws the smoke

be made from twenty-five cents' worth of No. 1 opium. The matted boards and the stuffed The agent admitted that such was the | cricket were not as hard as I had supposed, and I did not find the position away like a skilled tinker, twirling the slender needle and deftly cooking and molding the plastic pills. His face and hands glowed in the clear, mellow

only takes half a meal to each mouth." ing undefinably into the sharows.
"That's all very fine," responded the et on us. She's got two heads and two piece around to me, and prepared to mouths, and she gets two meals served bring the pill against the flame. I had stitute her two persons then I'd better opium smoke into my lungs, and I shrewdly determined to do the work as of their own creations, recollecting, I The head waiter was called and cor- I would with a pipe of tobacco. He suppose, even in their dreams, that they roborated the statement concerning the asked me if I was ready and Ireplied have no real existence? I never double feed. Then the agent hied him that I was. He tilted the opium pill dreamed of any of my own characters to an upper apartment and demanded against the flame, and I performed and I feel it so impossible that I would an explanation from the double-headed rapidly with my lips the operation wager Scott never did of his, real as lass, which developed the fact that that I have always found to sucwhile the two meals were actually ceed so admirably in smoking a tobacco served one of them was devoured by a pipe. I think it was about the most dreamed that somebody was dead, I voracious curiosity that occupied an futile effort that I ever made. It don't know who, but it's not to the puradjoining room. Somewhat of a sim- seemed as if I were sucking at all out- pose. It was a private gentleman and ilar affair occurred on the Pennsylvania doors, and in a moment the pill took to a particular friend, and I was greatly railroad a few weeks ago, when a con- flaming and spluttering in a most alarmductor, who had not a spark of humor in his system, gravely demanded two in the system, gravely demanded two in the proceeded to in a cocked hat, top boots, and a sheet. fares for the monstrosity. It was only inform me that it was impossible to cirwith considerable difficulty that her cumvent an opium pipe in that infantile agent managed to convince him that manner, and, overcome with chagrin at man, "as a door-nail. But we must all although there were two heads, four my failure, I permitted myself to be die, Mr. Dickens, sooner or later." arms, four legs and two minds, it was betrayed from the shrewd standpoint only one woman. After some demur which I had taken, and promised him what did he die of?" Single vs. Married Soldiers.

It has long been a mooted point whether single or married men make the whether single or married men make the whether stall are some demuration of the conductor agreed to accept the single that I would positively "fetch the gle ticket, but up to the time that the with it in three trials. I felt a smooth "He christened his youngest child," best soldiers. Some maintain that the to solve the conandrum as to how one and oily warmth sliding, as it seemed sir. with a toasting-fork." to me, into the very recesses of my being, and when the pill had quite at his have fallen a victim to this comdisappeared I lay and enjoyed the pride plaint. It carried a conviction to my Many guests met at the Threekeld consequent upon having mastered the mind that he could never have recovered he enters the ranks, being inured to mansion, in Kansas city, to witness the technique of a vice that is so odd. I knew that it was the most interesting combat—therefore a good soldier. In marriage of Theodore Medsker to Miss We lay for two hours. I smoked and fatal malady in the world, and I

were talking about a confiscated "boodle," and at another about the style of New York Journalist's Visit to the Place | Charles Dickens. They were just a trifle boastful, and evinced a disposition to theaters. It is a mistake to suppose

illuminated cubby-hole I saw a table, probably possess over two thousand. upon which glittered a pile of polished As an article of food, they rank with the metallic wedges, curiously inscribed, potato, and, on account of the variety and I was told afterward that this was of ways in which they may be served, gambling paraphernalia. Between the they are far preferable to the tasts of two cubby-holes lay a dark passage, many persons; and, if families would which we passed through, fetching up only substitute ripe, luscious apples for tion and correcting a tendency to In a room behind all this we came acidity, which produces rheumatism all men. Only one was a Chinaman; feverish condition of the system; in ments and so constantly purchased by sufferers. A ripe, raw apple is entirely digested in an hour and a-half, while a reposed upon a low platform built about keep a dish of them in the dining-room, three sides of the room, with my head where the children can have access to toward the wall and my feet toward the eat all they please of them. They will breakfast and every tea-table should "Wing, gimme a saucer of oatmeal pudding, and when support as dishes of meat and vegeta-

A Sad Story.

Yes, there was no doubt about it: the minister was in the habit of beating his wife. Their next door neighbor, a lady of inquiring mind, at ten o'clock one night heard a shriek—a woman's shriek-from a chamber in the parsona violet hue. The workman kept it age. She looked across, and through the curtain she could see that a man and woman were running about the room in great excitement. He was flourishing a stick, and striking with it. The blows could be plainly heard. And as he struck, she screamed. next day the town rang with the dis graceful news. The officers of the church discussed the matter with heavy hearts. After due deliberation they called a meeting of the session, and summoned the minister and his wife. He to answer to a charge of unministerial conduct, and she to testify in the case. They came, greatly puzzled and surprised. The case was gravely stated by the senior elder, when the culprit and witness burst into a laugh. Checking themselves, when they saw how serious and sad the session looked, they explained. The minister's wife, though an excellent woman who loved everybody, and especially her husband, did not love rats. But the house having been vacant for some time, the rats had taken possession. When they went to their chamber, a huge rodent ran under the bed. The wife screamed. The husband caught up a stick and tried to kill the intruder. Every time he struck at and missed the rat the lady screamed again. The scene must have been an amusing one to their watchful next door neighbor; and they laughed again at the recollection of it. The worthy church officers were mortified and disgusted; and the next day the whole town was laughing over the way in which one mischievous gossip fooled the grave

elders of church.

Dickens' Dream. Apropos of dreams, is it not a strange thing if writers of fiction never dream they are. I had a good piece of absurdity in my head a night or two ago. I overcome when the news was broken to

Nothing else. "He is dead, sir, rejoined the gentle-

The Bachelor. Surround a bachelor with every por

sible comfort; give him the roomiest of